

Reading the 45 pages of the history of Epiphany Chapter prepared by Bro. Harry Leighton for the first 15 years and the additions bringing the history up to 25 years, then the minutes of the Secretaries and the reports submitted by the Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons, we decided to bring you just the highlights of each year and we ask you keep in mind that many interesting and entertaining facts have, of necessity, been omitted. Many Worthy Matrons and Worthy Patrons presented 25 year pins, served as Grand pages, sentinels, Grand representatives, and past patrons, had other chapter officers as guests, served many meals, made many calls on our sick and shut-ins and did all of the nice things for their members that you remember them doing. We have chosen to report only "some of the highlights". We are all agreed that the 3rd Friday in the month is usually the coldest, the hottest, the windiest, the rainiest, the foggiest we've ever seen or that the roads are the slipperiest and the snow the deepest. We'd like to show you that neither epidemic, accident, bank holiday, flood, hurricane, gas rationing, marshal law or fog, sleet or rain can keep our faithful Epiphany-ites at home on meeting nite, and that over years the spirit of loyalty to this Chapter and to our Order has continued to grow from the day the Chapter was instituted.

The words from another of Bro. Lee Robinson's poems brings this History to a close.

It takes a heap of Faith and Hope,  
Fidelity and Truth;  
As taught by Adah, Electa,  
Esther, Martha and Ruth.

To show us the proper way  
And guide us from afar

It takes a heap of you and me  
To make our Eastern Star.

On January 27, 1913 the first meeting was held at the home of Mary A. Norris to discuss the advisability of organizing a Chapter. Eight Eastern Star members were present.

On February 7, 1913, 10 Eastern Star members met with Worthy Grand Patron, Ford Sanborn who gave them more details about forming a new Chapter.

For the purpose of record, Epiphany Chapter was really born on a train between Concord and Manchester in July, 1913 according to Past Grand Patron Harry Leighton.

On November 27, 1913 seven members met and voted to start a Chapter in Concord. The petition was signed by Nellie S. Woods, Belle C. Eaton, Helen A. Head, Mary A. Norris, Mary V. Cheney, Harry M. Cheney, and Harry Leighton.

At the meeting held on January 5, 1914 at the office of Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons in New Hampshire the petition had been signed by 34 Eastern Star members - 27 of whom were present. The first officers were elected - Nellie S. Woods, W.M., Harry Leighton, W.P. and May L. Buntin, Associate Matron. It being the day before the Epiphany and the majority of those present expressing a preference for this name, it was voted to date the petition January 6, 1914.

Epiphany Chapter was instituted on January 16, 1914 and the first officers were installed in the office of Harry M. Cheney. 57 new petitions were presented. Meetings would be held in the Foster Memorial Parish House located on Center Street.

The first visitation - by Worthy Grand Matron, Miss Annie C. Hamlin, Berlin, was held on May 15, 1914 (two months after officers installed) with 238 members present.

1915 Nellie S. Woods, W.M.

Joseph S. Otis, W.P.

The meeting, held on January 15, 1915 with the Chapter One year old, members witnessed the initiatory work and installation of officers in the same evening.

1922 Sara E. Otis, W.M. (\*)

Wiley G. Kilkenney, W.P.

1916 May L. Buntin, W.M.

Chapter organ Frank P. Quimby, W.P. with

Grand Chapter was held in Phenix Hall with Epiphany Chapter officers exemplifying the degree work. Initiated 125 members in 1922.

1917 M. Etta Elliott (Stevens) W.M. Frank P. Quimby, W.P.

During this year meetings were held at "Freemason's Hall", corner of Pleasant and No. Main Streets - over Sullivan's Drug Store.

Sister Sara Otis appointed Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter of New Hampshire Order of Eastern Star.

1918 Marguerita A. Robins (\*), W.M. Arthur C. Stewart, W.P.

During this year the Board of Health ruled "no gatherings of 2 or more should be held because of the epidemic of Spanish influenza." Epiphany Chapter complied with this ruling and the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, Secretary and Sentinel transacted all business. Otis as Mother Adviser.

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1919 Mildred E. Libbey Pettes, W.M. (\*) Fred O. Libbey, W.P.

1925 Sister Mildred tells us this was the year Eastern Star started serving the Masonic body banquets, and with some of the proceeds purchased the emblem carpet around the altar. 68 Candidates were initiated during this year. Lectress.

Brother Alvin P. Dunbar, Epiphany Chapter's "Mr. Mason of 1964" was initiated November 7, 1919.

1926 Marion W. Davis, W.M. Walter E. Varnard, W.P. (\*)

Epiphany Chapter moved into the new Temple and the Chapter Room

1920 Marie B. Quimby, Burleson, W.M. Frank P. Quimby, W.P.

1927 At the Visitation on December 3, 1920 we record "the largest attendance in the history of Epiphany Chapter. Approximately 400 attempted to be present - many having to be turned away. We feel this is still a record attendance for visitation.

1921 Jennie M. Syms, W.M.

Arthur H. Chase, W.P.

An Easter Ball honoring the Masonic fraternity of the City was held.

1922 Sara E. Otis, W.M. (\*)

Hiram G. Kilkenney, W.P.

The sisters of Epiphany Chapter organized a "Kitchen Band" with Past Matron, Mae L. Buntin as leader.

Sister Sara tells us her officers initiated 125 members in 1922.

1923 Edith A. Gaudry, W.M.

Clarence O. Philbrick, W.P.

A contribution was made to the Concord Masonic Association's Building Fund for a new Masonic Temple in Concord.

Sister Sara Otis appointed Grand Chaplain, Grand Chapter of New Hampshire Order of Eastern Star.

1924 Anna W. Davis, W.M. (\*)

George A. Ledward, W.P.

The tenth Anniversary was celebrated at a regular meeting. Order of Rainbow for Girls was founded in 1924 with Sister Sara Otis as Mother Advisor.

1925 Helen M. Bean, W.M.

Charles J. Sawyer, W.P. (\*)

The decision to move into the new Masonic Temple was made. At the Grand Chapter Session in 1925, Sister Helen Bean was elected Associate Grand Conductress.

1926 Marion W. Norris, W.M.

Walter E. Maynard, W.P. (\*)

Epiphany Chapter moved into the new Temple and the Chapter Room was dedicated.

1927 Marion B. Hoyt, W.M. (\*)

Nelson E. Strong, W.P. (\*)

Sister Anna W. Davis, P.M. was elected to the office of Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, Order of the Eastern

Star to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sister Helen Bean,  
Grand Conductress.

1934 Ruth E. Evans, W.M. (\*) Carlton E. Strong, W.P.

1928 Elizabeth C. Gove, W.M. (\*) Percy E. Holbrook, W.P. (\*)  
Sister Elizabeth Gove served as visiting Worthy Matron at a Ma-  
trons and Patrons night held in Derry to work the degrees. We believe  
this was the first of such meetings held in New Hampshire.

1935 Angie H. Lunderville, W.M. Herbert G. Knapp, W.P.

1929 Gertrude E. Saltmarsh, W.M. (\*) Arthur J. Boutwell, W.P.  
Reception for Anna Davis, Grand Matron and Edith Gaudry, Grand  
Marshal was held in the fall of 1929.

1936 Mary A. Wayne, W.M. (\*) Ernest L. Putnam, W.P.

1930 Ida A. Ledward, W.M. Russell D. Sawyer, W.P. (\*)  
The State Flag, given to Grand Chapter by Past Grand Matron  
Anna Davis and Grand Matron Anna Wheaton at the Session held in Concord  
in the fall of 1930, was presented in the East. It was announced that  
this flag had been given to Grand Chapter with the proviso that it be  
on display in the Chapter Room of the retiring Worthy Grand Matron the  
year following her term of office.

1931 Florence M. Batchelder, W.M. G. Albert Wood, W.P.  
(Brother and Sister)

Sister Ida A. Ledward was appointed Grand Esther in September 1931.

1932 Bernice Y. Maynard, W.M. Archie H. Shute, W.P. (\*)

A School of Instruction was held here in Epiphany Chapter during  
this year and the first "of its kind", Visiting Matrons and Patrons  
night was held.

1933 Margaret A. Crabbe, W.M. (\*) Thomas H. Lowe, W.P.

The night of our March meeting was the day that Pres. Roosevelt  
issued an order that all Banks in the country be closed.

In September, our P.M. Bernice Y. Maynard was installed as Grand Chap-  
ter to Concord Assembly #1, Order of the Rainbow for Girls.

lain of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of New Hampshire.

1934 Ruth B. Evans, W.M. (\*)

Carlton M. Strong, W.P.

P.M., May L. Buntin, one of the Charter Members of Epiphany Chapter and the 2nd W.M. (1916) installed her daughter as W.M. (Sister Ruth) and her grand daughter (Sister Charlotte Gordon) as Marshal.

1935 Angie H. Lunderville, W.M.

Merton C. Knapp, W.P.

Sister Bernice Y. Maynard elected Associate Grand Conductress of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of New Hampshire.

1936 Mary A. Wayne, W.M. (\*)

Ernest L. Putnam, W.P.

The March meeting is one that will never be forgotten by the 14 officers and 14 members who attended it. The greatest and most disastrous flood that New England ever knew was at its heights. The city was also under martial law, supplies were flown in by airplane. The 14 members and 14 officers met in the Chapter Room which was without heat and lighted only by candles and flashlights. Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, after which the business of the evening was in order. By motion of the secretary, it was voted to record the names of the courageous members in attendance in the records.

At the meeting on May 15, 1936, it was announced that our note at the Mechanics National Bank had been paid in full and our debt of 10 years had been cancelled. The Treasurer, who held in her hands the cancelled note, P.P. George Ledward and P.M. Edith Gaudry, the only surviving members of the Special Finance Committee, burned the note in full view of those present. It was indeed an occasion to give thanks. All joined in singing the "Doxology".

1937 Edith M. Bell, W.M. (\*)

Melvin L. Jones, W.P. (\*)

The five star-point chairs were purchased and the old ones given to Concord Assembly #1, Order of the Rainbow for Girls.



During the year a banquet was served for the Congregational Regional Conference - serving 564 in the banquet hall.

1938 Eva C. Buzzell, W.M. Roy H. Buzzell, W.P. (\*) (1st husband & wife)

Our stated meeting held on Sept. 23, 1938 was held under adverse conditions. That week we had terrific winds and heavy rains. Concord was without lights. The Chapter opened the meeting depending on 27 candles for light. A.M. Elizabeth Merrill was marooned in East Concord and Ruth Hilda Wood was in Mass. with no way to get home.

Reception was held for Sister Bernice Y. Maynard, Grand Matron and Grand Marshal Angie Lunderville with 400-500 in attendance.

1939 Elizabeth N. Merrill, W.M. (\*) Winslow E. Melvin, W.P. (\*)

The 25th Anniversary of the founding of Epiphany Chapter was observed with 7 of the 13 living charter members present - May L. Buntin, Mary V. Cheney, Edith A. Gaudry, Ethel D. Kaime, Harry Leighton, Mildred L. Pettes, and Clarice E. Tarbell.

1940 Beulah S. Bean, W.M. (\*) Harry C. Anderson, W.P. (\*)

At the October meeting 25 year pins were presented to 64 sisters and brothers by Past Grand Matron, Mary Senior Brown.

1941 Anne H. Spedding, W.M. (\*) Thurlow A. Rowe, W.P. (\*)

We entertained the sixth annual session of N.H. State Rainbow for Girls. Sister Anne served as an officer at 10 Visiting Matron's and Patron's nights in other Chapters throughout the State.

1942 Rose J. Edmunds, W.M. (\*) Harley Boutwell, W.P. (\*)

Sister Anne D. Heartz (Spedding) appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of New Hampshire.

1943 Ruby P. Clough, W.M. (\*) Richard R. Clough, W.P. (\*)

The officers, Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron pooled money they would

have used for gifts and an officers party and with a small sum from the social fund purchased the lovely electric signet for the Chapter. Over \$2,000 worth of war bonds and stamps were sold at Woolworth's by officers and members that year.

1944 Mabel R. Spiller, W.M.

Richard R. Clough, W.P.

The Worthy Matron, Sister Mabel and the Secretary, Sister Esther C. Challis called on Charter Member, Sister Abbie F. Thompson in Nov. 1944 and presented her with a 63 year membership certificate from the Chapter.

1945 Esther M. Chandler, W.M. (\*)

G. Everett Welch, W.P. (\*)

During this year, the Chapter presented Sister Esther C. Challis a 30-year gold Secretary's pin for her faithful service to the Chapter.

1946 Alice S. Dunlap, W.M. (\*)

Walter E. Dunlap, W.P.

A very lovely reception was given Sister Ann D. Heartz (Spedding) Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, Order of the Eastern Star and Sister Mabel R. Spiller, Grand Marshal.

1947 Bernice F. Robinson, W.M. (\*)

Leland P. Robinson, W.P. (\*)

The 57th Annual Session of Grand Chapter - "Epiphany Session" was held in Concord. We were indeed honored to have Sister Ann Heartz Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mabel P. Spiller, Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star of New Hampshire and Brother Walter Dunlap, Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Masons in New Hampshire frequent visitors to their home Chapter.

In May 72 members formed a huge circle in the Chapter room to receive their 25-year pins and 60 others who were not able to attend were sent them by the Secretary. 132 sisters and brother who joined from 1917 to 1922 were presented 25 year pins.

1948 Pauline B. Cressy, W.M.

Richard W. Cressey, W.P. (\*)

At the May meeting in observance of Educational Nite, Past Grand Matron



Mary S. Brown gave the History of Rainbow for Girls.

1949 Maude R. Hemphill, W.M. (\*) Matthew D. Hemphill, W.P. (\*)

During this year the "Epiphany Choir" was organized to sing for initiations and visitation.

1950 Grace L. Jenkins, W.M. (\*) John S. Satterfield, W.P. (\*)

In 1950 cabinets downstairs in the banquet hall were built for the silverware and dishes. They were kept in large heavy boxes along the wall before this.

1951 Gladys F. Tittamore, W.M. (\*) Shelby O. Walker, W.P.

Sister Gladys writes: "I was especially honored to have Brother Shelby O. Walker, Mayor of Concord, serve with me in the East. He was a very busy man with his duties as Mayor.

It was a thrill at visitation to initiate my 4 daughters and one of their husband's into the Order. My husband, Bro. Herbert, served as the courtesy candidate. I said at the time that my daughters became my sisters and my husband and son-in-law became my brothers. I felt almost like my "own grandmaw".

1952 Alma H. Nielsen, W.M. (\*) Seward L. Nielsen, W.P. (\*)

At the October meeting the officers and members repeated the Obligation given by the Worthy Patron around the altar.

1953 Audrey N. Colby, W.M. (\*) Halstead N. Colby, W.P. (\*)

Sister Audrey and Brother Hal were installed by her mother, Sister Edith P. Noyes, P.M., Laurel Hill Chapter #34 of Newburyport, Mass. on Jan. 2, 1953.

1954 Charlotte C. Chandler, W.M. (\*) Francis M. White, W.P. (\*)

The "traveling jewels" for each matron and patron to wear during their year in the East when they visit other Chapters were a gift from Sister

Charlotte and Brother "Jim" White.

1955 Eleanor W. Morrill, W.M. (\*) Roger S. Morrill, W.P. (\*)

One afternoon in the fall, 22 guests from the Masonic Home were brought to Concord and were entertained at the Temple.

1956 Susan P. Mowrey, W.M. (\*) Raymond F. Mowrey, W.P. (\*)

On October 27, 1956, we were pleased to receive and entertain the officer of Electa Chapter #12, of Montreal, Canada when they paid us a Fraternal Visit of International Good Will. The meeting was held at the City Auditorium in Concord. The officers of Electa Chapter exemplified the degrees.

1957 Eunice C. Rowe, W.M. (\*) Thurlow A. Rowe, W.P. (\*)

The highlight of 1957 was the program "This Is Your Life" for Bro. Walter Dunlap, P.P.

1958 Mary S. Tasker, W.M. (\*) Everett Tasker, W.P. (\*)

During this year, 144 artificial roses were distributed to officers, hospital patients and shut-ins of Epiphany Chapter and to Worthy Matrons of the Chapters we visited throughout the state as "Roma's Romers".

1959 Ruth S. Jones, W.M. (\*) Harold Jay Jones, Jr., W.P. (\*)

It was our privilege to have Interstate Visiting Grand Officer's Night with Grand families of New Hampshire and Maine as our guests. The Maine Grand Officers exemplified the degrees.

After more than 10 years of planning and saving a new organ was installed and dedicated to Sister Edna C. Bean, organist for more than 35 years, the Allen electronic organ.

1960 Marjorie D. Matson, W.M. (\*) Samuel D. Matson, W.M. (\*)

It was during this year that we welcomed another member of our fraternal family and signed a lease with the officers of Rugged Cross Shrine #5,

Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem allowing them to use the Eastern Star Apartments.

1961 Ruth L. Mansur, W.M. (\*) Paul Amos Mansur, W.P. (\*)

The kitchen was given a complete cleaning, painting and renovation.

1962 Enid H. Dahlfred, W.M. (\*) Lorne F. Lea, W.P. (\*)

Dedicated the new 50 Star American Flag in memory of Bro. Archie M. Brown.

Visitation was a gala affair with a reception honoring Sister Ann H. Spedding, Worthy Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter, Bro. Paul Amos Mansur, Grand Sentinel; Sister Enid H. Dahlfred, Grand Esther of the Grand Chapter New Hampshire Order of the Eastern Star.

1963 Elsie P. Brooks, W.M. (\*) Francis M. White, W.P. (\*)

Members of Epiphany Chapter joined members of Bethany Chapter and attended church service together at the Pembroke Congregational Church. Grand Family Nite was held in June with Elne M. Stevens, Worthy Grand Matron and Grand Officers of 1962-63 exemplifying degrees.

1964 Olive W. Totten, W.M. (\*) James Ross, W.P. (\*)

Epiphany Chapter celebrated their 50th Anniversary on May 23, 1964. Sister Helen West made the cake and cut by Sister Ann H. Spedding, Worthy Grand Chaplain of the General Grand Chapter. 50 year pins were presented to 2 charter members and 4 - 50 year members were presented pins and 5 others who were not able to attend.

A reception was held on Sept. 26, 1964 at Rundlett Junior High School, Concord for Bro. Paul Amos Mansur, Worthy Grand Patron and Sister Ruth L. Mansur, Grand Martha of the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire. Bro. Paul A. Mansur, at this time, was given a life membership to Epiphany Chapter. In November nine members of Epiphany Chapter joined with New Hampshire delegation to attend the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in Texas.

1965 Ruth L. Foote, W.M. (\*) Everett Tasker, W.P. (\*)

March 20, 1965 Epiphany Chapter was hostess to the Grand Family of New Hampshire and the Grand Family of Massachusetts. The weather was typical with snow and sleet. However, one hundred and nineteen members from the State of Massachusetts were present and a total of 311 filled our Chapter room.

Epiphany Chapter is one of the Hostess Chapters at the New Hampshire Diamond Session of the Grand Chapter which is celebrating its seventy-fifth anniversary during its meeting dates of Sept. 9-10-and 11 at the New Hampshire Highway Motel Convention Hall. We are proud to have two Grand Officers, Brother Paul Amos Mansur, W.G.P. and Sister Ruth L. Mansur, Grand Martha at this session.

The Worthy Matron, Ruth L. Foote and the members of Epiphany Chapter are grateful to Sister Miriam T. Callahan for typing this history for the time capsule.

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